

# INFORMATIVE TEXT

## *Year 9 English*

**Learning Intentions:** *We are practicing finding and evaluating reputable sources of information on the internet. We are learning to correctly attribute sources with in-text referencing and a bibliography. We are practicing using formal academic language and nominalisation.*

**In this assignment, you will choose a topic of interest. You will research the topic, finding and evaluating credible sources of information. You will create an informative text about your topic that uses academic language and cites sources correctly using in-text referencing and a bibliography.**

### Step 1: Topic selection & preliminary research

- Choose a topic that interests you. There is a list of suggestions on the haiku page. You must **check it with me** first. You may not choose the same topic as someone else.
- Open a word document and enter your topic as a heading. Save this document on OneDrive and share it with me.
- Begin browsing the internet for information on your topic.

### Step 2: Select & Evaluate your Sources

- Select **four** main sources to rely on for your report. These can be books or websites. (NOTE: Google is a search engine, NOT a source).
- In your word document, write an evaluation of each source, explaining how you can tell it is a reliable source of information. Use points from the "ABCDE" Source Evaluation Checklist.

### Step 3: Highlighting

- Copy and paste relevant information from your sources into your document.
- Using the highlighter tool in Word, highlight any key points that you may want to quote, paraphrase or summarise in your informative text.

### Step 4: Write your informative text

- Using formal academic language, write 4-5 paragraphs of information about your topic. Use the PEEL format to structure your paragraphs. Make sure they are in your own words.
- You must use nominalisation at least twice in your text.** Use the comment feature on word to indicate the sentences you have nominalised and explain how you have changed them.
- Use correctly formatted quotations and in-text references from your sources. You must include at least one quote per paragraph.
- Underneath your information, create a bibliography using correct formatting.

# MARKING RUBRIC

Performance Standards	A	B	C	D
<b>Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected four relevant &amp; reliable sources</li> <li>Evaluated sources effectively using source evaluation criteria</li> <li>Highlighted key information</li> </ul>				
<b>Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarised information from sources in own words</li> <li>Paragraphs were structured correctly using PEEL format or topic and conclusion sentences</li> </ul>				
<b>Referencing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in-text references to cite sources</li> <li>Included at least one quote, formatted correctly</li> <li>Created a bibliography with correct formatting</li> </ul>				
<b>Language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used formal academic language</li> <li>Used complete sentences with correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation</li> <li>Used nominalisation correctly and effectively</li> </ul>				